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SUBJECT: MTN: ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE DISCUSSION MAY 19

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 9566, (B) BRUSSELS 9913

1. REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS
TELL US THAT ARTICLE 113 HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MAY 19 HAD EXTENSIVE GO-AROUND ON MTN ISSUES. COMMITTEE
AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON MAY 26 AT TWO LEVELS: DEPUTIES
WILL DISCUSS VARIETY OF ISSUES, INCLUDING TARIFFS, AND
HIGH-LEVEL WILL SPEND ENTIRE DAY ON AGRICULTURE. HIGH-
LIGHTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW.

2. TARIFFS:
DANISH SOURCE TELLS US THAT TARIFF DISCUSSION WAS LONGER
THAN HE OR COMMISSION HAD IMAGINED, WITH FRENCH EXERTING
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PRESSURE TO MOVE TO DEFINE A SECOND LIST FOR CONDITIONAL
WITHDRAWALS AND TO LINK ITEMS ON THAT LIST TO A SATISFAC-
TORY OUTCOME IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATION. ANOTHER
SOURCE INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE COMMISSION WILL
LEAD A DISCUSSION AT THE DEPUTIES MEETING ON MAY 26 ON
A CONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL LIST AND WILL TRY TO AVOID
EITHER DEFINING THE LIST TOO CLOSELY OR TYING IT TO

OTHER ISSUES. HIS EXPECTATION WAS THAT COMMISSION EFFORT WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

3. SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES:

THIS ITEM CAME UP LAST ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION. THE COMMISSION DISTRIBUTED THE TEXT WORKED OUT IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 8 AND DESCRIBED IT TO THE MEMBER STATES AS A TEXT PRESENTED TO IT BY STR. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM MEMBER STATES ON THE TEXT. ONE SOURCE TOLD US THAT DENMAN STATED THAT IF THE EC REALLY WANTS THE US GOVERNMENT TO GO TO THE CONGRESS REQUESTING AN INJURY PROVISION IN OUR COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW, THEN THE MEMBER STATES MUST GO DOWN THE PATH OF GREATER DISCIPLINES ON THE USE OF SUBSIDIES.

4. SAFEGUARDS:

THE COMMISSION UPDATED THE MEMBER STATES ON THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATION BUT THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION. DENMAN SAID HE WOULD REPORT SOON TO THE MEMBER STATES THE PRICE THE EC WOULD BE ASKED TO PAY FOR SELECTIVITY.

5. AGRICULTURE:

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE RABOT SPOKE TO THE GROUP FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES. A UK SOURCE TELLS US THAT ROBIN GRAY DETECTED SOME MOVEMENT AND SOME RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS IN RABOT'S REMARKS; OTHER SOURCES CONFIDENTIAL

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WERE LESS POSITIVE, SAYING THAT THEY WERE NOT ENCOURAGED BY THE PACE OF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE COMMISSION IS TO CIRCULATE A PAPER ON DISCIPLINES ON BEEF DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 22 FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MAY 26 HIGH-LEVEL 113 COMMITTEE WHICH ONE SOURCE DESCRIBED TO US AS A KIND OF PREPARATION FOR THE RABOT-MCDONALD MEETING NEXT WEEK. ALSO ON MAY 26, THERE IS EXPECTED TO BE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON DAIRY AND ON GRAINS. AT THE MAY 19 MEETING, THE UK APPARENTLY EXPRESSED SOME ANNOYANCE THAT THE COMMISSION HAD GONE BEYOND ITS MANDATE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON GRAINS WITH THE U.S. AND ASKED TO BE KEPT BETTER INFORMED ON THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATION. RABOT ALSO MENTIONED ON MAY 19 A LIST OF WHAT HE CALLED "STRAUSS" PRODUCTS (ONE SOURCE LISTED THEM FOR US AS CITRUS, CITRUS JUICE, TOBACCO, ALMONDS, LARD, ETC.). RABOT DESCRIBED THESE AS VERY SENSITIVE ITEMS, ONES ON WHICH THE EC CAN OBVIOUSLY DO NOTHING AND YET ONES ON WHICH THE EC MUST DO SOMETHING OR THERE WILL NOT BE A SUCCESSFUL MTN. THERE WAS NO ITALIAN REACTION TO THESE REMARKS; AGRICULTURAL TARIFFS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE RAISED AT THE MAY 26 MEETING.
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